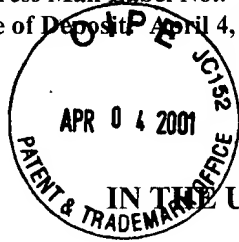


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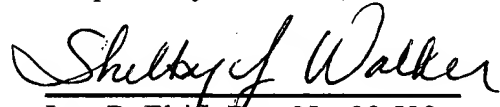
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed March 7, 2001, Applicants submit herein an executed Inventor Declaration, payment of the surcharge for late filing (\$65.00) set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e), and a copy of Form PTO-1533.

Also, Applicants file concurrently herewith a Preliminary Amendment in order to incorporate the initial Sequence Listing, filed herewith, into the U.S.S.N. 09/732,436 patent application. Applicants submit an initial computer readable form (CFR) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

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- ☒ Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pgs.);
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- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 counterparts, 3 pages each); and
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- ☒ Initial paper copy of Sequence Listing (32 pgs.);
- ☒ Initial computer readable form of Sequence Listing (1 diskette);
- ☒ Statement in Support of Computer Readable Form Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) (1 pg.); and
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at telephone (617) 542-6000.

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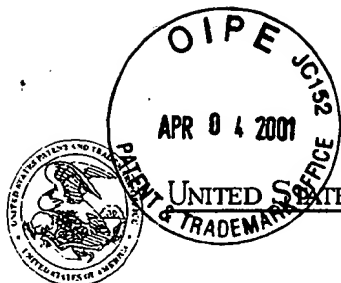
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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